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Re: Feeding of Category 2 and Category 3 Meat ABP to Greyhounds

Dear Pat,

I refer to recent meetings and our discussions on the procedures relating to the sale and use of category 2 and category 3 animal by products provided for in the derogation under Article 18(1)(f) of Regulation (EC) No. 1069 of 2009. As you know, this derogation allows specified Category 2 and Category 3 meat ABP to be fed to 'dogs from recognized kennels and packs of hounds' and, as agreed, it is vitally important that there is full compliance with the above mentioned procedures by all stakeholders.

Just to recap, the rules and procedures in relation to feeding of meat ABP to greyhounds are as follows:

1. Production and sale of Category 2 (and 3) ABP is restricted to Collection Centre's approved and supervised by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Collection Centres are fixed premises (which may be located close to greyhound tracks) facilitating effective supervision including the effective and reliable identification and denaturation of ABP.
2. Purchase and use of Category 2 (and 3) ABP for greyhounds is to be restricted to Licensed Meat Feeders, authorized by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine following a recommendation by either one of the greyhound bodies – Rásaíocht Con Éireann or the Irish Coursing Club (ICC) – on foot of the issue of a Recognised Kennel Authorisation (RKA)
3. Department supervision of Licensed Meat Feeders will be supplemented by inspections carried out by the ICC. These inspections will be measured against criteria agreed by these organizations and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
4. All applications for a new or a renewal of a Meat Feeder Authorisation in respect of greyhounds should be submitted to the address below, as is current practice.

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Grattan House, Grattan Business Centre
Portlaoise
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5. This application will then be forwarded to ICC who will carry out an initial inspection to assess suitability of greyhound owner and the facilities available to be approved for an authorisation. The inspection form for the RKA will be completed by an authorized official of ICC and returned to the Department following the inspection.

The application form for a new license or renewal of a license can be obtained by contacting Anne-Marie Guilfoyle on 057 8694365 or via email at animalbyproducts@agriculture.gov.ie

Please note that the feeding of Animal by-Products to greyhounds on any premises is prohibited other than in accordance with the derogation referred to above and in conjunction with the authorization and registration required under Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No.1069/2009.

I would ask that you bring any instances of a breach of the procedures or Regulations to the attention of this Division so that any alleged breach can be investigated.

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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